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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

SALER RECEIVES SECOND PRIZE IN PHI BETA KAPPA ESSAY COMPETITION

CHARLESTON -- Amanda Saler, daughter of Elizabeth Saler of Olney, won second prize in the 1994 Phi Beta Kappa Young Scholar Award essay competition.

Saler received the award at the Phi Beta Kappa Alumni Association of East Central Illinois' seventh annual spring banquet held recently at Eastern Illinois University. She was presented with a book and a monetary award.

Awards were presented to three academically talented high school seniors in the east central Illinois area. To enter the competition, students submitted a letter of nomination by their principal, a letter of support from a teacher and a 500-word essay on one of three topics. Saler wrote on "My Experience Studying a Second Language [Latin]."

Frank McCormick, professor of English at EIU and president of the Phi Beta Kappa Alumni Association of East Central Illinois, presented the awards.

Saler is a student at East Richland High School in Olney. Her mother is a member of the Phi Beta Kappa national honorary society.